



**Discovery Community School**  
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### **DCS Community Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** April 18, 2024

**Location:** Sandburg/DCS Library and Online via Zoom

*Presiding: Danya Kelberg*

*Minutes: Robin Desilet*

*Opening: 7:05pm*

### **Welcome / Announcements - Danya**

Tonight we will be voting for Steering team members.

### **Principal's Report – Ms. Bowser**

There are a few staffing updates.

- First, Ms. Payette will be out on maternity leave soon. Next Friday is her last day of the school year. She has been a great addition to our community this year. Ms. Watillo will be her sub for the remainder of the school year and they have been working closely to make it a smooth transition.
- For the Youngers class, we don't have a lot of staffing information that can be shared right now, but Ms. Bowser is hopeful that she can make an announcement by the end of April or beginning of May. There are contractual obligations that must be followed before a decision can be finalized. We do have a bit more flexibility as a choice school.

There were also questions about the staggered start for kindergarten students at the beginning of the school year. More will hopefully be shared about this soon once the teacher is set but there are also contractual considerations.

### **Teacher Report – (Ms. Subcleff) presented by Ms. Bowers**

- There will be an all school learning journey next Thursday to the Seattle Opera. Please bring a lunch, snack, water bottle and booster seat (if needed). There is also a photo release form from the Seattle Opera. If you don't want photos of your child that is fine, but please let us know.
- SBA testing will be starting soon and is a required state assessment for students in grades 3-5. The science test for 5th graders starts on May 2nd and will also be held on the 6th and 7th. The fourth grade students will have a substitute that morning. When the 3rd grade students complete their SBA testing the 2nd graders will have a sub in the morning. If students have headphones from home that they would prefer to use, you can

send them in, but we do have a school set. The best way to prepare your kids is to have them eat a good breakfast in the morning and get a good night sleep.

- Marketplace is coming soon and the kids are very excited.
- The all DCS end of the year gathering will be June 17th on the grassy field by the portables. The kids will eat and there will be games. More information is coming soon and volunteers will be needed.
- On Thursday, June 20th there is a pizza lunch at school for all DCS students.
- All students attend the DCS graduation along with 5th grade parents. More information will be coming out soon for how 4th grade parents can help volunteer.

## Treasurer's Report – Ramya & Lindall

### Current Balances

- Checking account: \$13,145
- Savings: \$12,567
- Paypal: \$293.54

Please get your yearly dues/donations in. We rely on commitments from families both financially and through volunteering. If your company will match, please get your company match submitted. Please give soon so we can close our books cleanly for this year. Currently we are at only 64.7% for percent paid of dues. Typically we are higher at this point in time. Dues are \$250 per kid. If you need a hardship allowance, please apply for one.

### Reminders / Upcoming Events - Danya

- Volunteering is an important part of being in this community. Critical volunteers roles that are currently needed:
  - Moving Up Ceremony Co-Coordinator
  - Departing Families Slideshow Creator - This is shown at the last community meeting and shows the family's journey through DCS. Be sure to post your pictures to SmugMug.
  - Moving Up Ceremony Slideshow Creator - This focuses on the 5th graders and their journey through DCS.
- We have DCS Spring Family Camp coming up May 31st - June 2nd
- On Friday, April 26th, there is a family dance party on campus in the gym where kids can show off their moves.
- Book Rodeo is coming up on June 30th. If students donated books they will get some tickets or they can buy books.
- Teacher appreciation is coming up in May.
- The school play is also coming up in May.
- In May, for our snow makeup days we have ½ day on May 24th and May 28th is a full day of school. This ensures we end the school year on Friday June 21st and it doesn't spill over to the next week.

## Steering Committee Elections - Danya

Voting starts at 7:30pm. We always have two people in each position. We alternate them so there is always a co-chair who is starting in the first year, and then a second going into their second year.

The following people are on the ballot and only one person has been nominated for each position. There were no additional community nominations.

Voting took place in person via ballot and online through zoom.

- **1<sup>st</sup> year co-chair: Aditi Jain** (Middles and Youngers Parent): Accepts nomination. 22 voted yes (unanimous)
- **1<sup>st</sup> year Treasurer: Puneet Gupta** (Younger Parent): Accepts nomination. 20 voted yes (unanimous)
- **1<sup>st</sup> year secretary: Phoebe Greenman** (Younger Parent): Accepts nomination. 22 voted yes (unanimous)

Voting is closed for this year.

## DCS Family Camp - Camp Indianola - Jenn

Camp will be Friday, May 31st to Sunday, June 2nd at Camp Indianola on the Kitsap Peninsula. Camp is a lot of fun and activities include playing on the beach, Gaga ball, basketball, talent show, crafts, games, s'mores at the campfire, etc. Food is included for Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast. Friday night dinner is not included and you cannot arrive at camp before 5pm. Camp is very affordable and includes food. This year we are responsible for cooking our own food, not the camp. The cost per person ages 2 and up is:

- Day trip = \$25 pp
- 1 Night = \$50 pp
- 2 Nights = \$75 pp

Sign-ups for camp will be coming out soon, along with sign-ups for volunteering (example: beach patrol, cabin inspection, cooking, etc.) while at camp. When you sign-up you can enter whether you have dietary restrictions. We are not serving pork, seafood, or peanuts. The cost is the same whether you camp or stay in a cabin. We have 80-85 beds which is a few less than last year, so be sure to sign-up right away to get your spot if you want to stay in a cabin.

Please email Jenn Botts with any questions.

## Walk on Topics - All

- Book Rodeo needs volunteers. You must be a PTSA member to collect money.
- Thank you to Jeremy Dost for making the signup registration for summer camp. It will be on the MySchool Pages website.
- Next year we are changing the way that people sign up for volunteer roles. It will be through sign-up Genius and there will be a release/registration date. Then everyone can see who signed up for what and where there are openings. There will not be any emails/reminders sent out. There will be a short description about each position but not necessarily the full description. Those are available online and are slowly being updated.

*Adjourned 7:41pm*